

March 13, 2001

TO THE MISSISSIPPI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

I am directed by the Governor to advise you that he has approved the following House Bill:

H.B. NO. 133: AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 97-17-14, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO INCLUDE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL PERSONNEL IN THE OFFENSE OF AGGRAVATED ASSAULT UPON FIREMEN; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (March 13, 2001; 5:40 AM)

H.B. NO. 175: AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 71-5-513, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT SOCIAL SECURITY PAYMENTS SHALL NOT BE DEDUCTED FROM UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS FOR CERTAIN RECIPIENTS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (March 13, 2001; 5:41 AM)

H.B. NO. 441: AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 57-61-32, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH PROVIDES FUNDS TO DEFRAY COSTS OF THE STATE'S SHARE IN THE NORTH MISSISSIPPI FISH HATCHERY AND THE LOWER EAST PEARL RIVER WATER DIVERSION PROJECT, TO EXTEND THE DATE OF REPEAL FROM DECEMBER 31, 2001, TO DECEMBER 31, 2002; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (March 13, 2001; 5:41 AM)

H.B. NO. 462: AN ACT TO REENACT SECTIONS 73-2-1, 73-2-3, 73-2-5, 73-2-7, 73-2-9, 73-2-11, 73-2-13, 73-2-15, 73-2-16, 73-2-17, 73-2-19, 73-2-21 AND 73-2-23, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH REGULATE THE PRACTICE OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE; TO AMEND REENACTED SECTION 73-2-3, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT; TO AMEND REENACTED SECTION 73-2-5, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO CLARIFY LICENSING REQUIREMENTS; TO AMEND REENACTED SECTION 73-2-11, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO CLARIFY THE PROCEDURE FOR NONRESIDENT APPLICANTS FOR EXAMINATION; TO AMEND REENACTED SECTION 73-2-19, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REVISE CERTAIN EXEMPTIONS FROM LICENSING; TO REPEAL SECTION 73-2-25, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH DOES NOT REQUIRE THE USE OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS FOR LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE JOBS; TO AMEND SECTION 17, CHAPTER 371, LAWS OF 1999, TO EXTEND THE REPEALER ON THE LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE LAW; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (March 13, 2001; 5:42 AM)

H.B. NO. 475: AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 47-5-66, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH PROVIDES FOR AGRICULTURAL LEASES OF PRISON LANDS TO PRIVATE ENTITIES AND ESTABLISHES THE PROCEDURES, METHODS OF PAYMENT OF RENTS, DISPOSAL OF INCOME AND TAX LIABILITY, TO EXTEND THE REPEALER DATE FROM JULY 1, 2001, TO JULY 1, 2002; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (March 13, 2001; 5:43 AM)

H.B. NO. 511: AN ACT TO REENACT SECTIONS 81-13-1 THROUGH 81-13-75 AND SECTIONS 81-13-79 AND 81-13-81, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH PROVIDE FOR THE REGULATION OF CREDIT UNIONS; TO REPEAL SECTION 81-13-77, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH IS A REPEALER ON THE STATUTES PROVIDING FOR THE REGULATION OF CREDIT UNIONS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (March 13, 2001; 5:44 AM)

H.B. NO. 515: AN ACT TO REPEAL SECTION 81-1-54, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH IS A REPEALER ON THE STATUTES CREATING THE DEPARTMENT OF BANKING AND CONSUMER FINANCE AND PRESCRIBING ITS DUTIES AND POWERS; TO REENACT SECTIONS 81-1-57 THROUGH 81-1-117, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH CREATE THE DEPARTMENT OF BANKING AND CONSUMER FINANCE AND PRESCRIBE ITS DUTIES AND POWERS; TO BRING FORWARD SECTIONS 81-1-119 THROUGH 81-1-133, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH RELATE TO DUTIES AND POWERS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF BANKING AND CONSUMER FINANCE; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (March 13, 2001; 5:45 AM)

H.B. NO. 518: AN ACT TO REENACT SECTIONS 47-5-701 THROUGH 47-5-729, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH ESTABLISH THE PRISON OVERCROWDING EMERGENCY POWERS ACT, ESTABLISH THE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE DECLARATION OF A PRISON SYSTEM OVERCROWDING STATE OF EMERGENCY, ESTABLISH NOTICE REQUIREMENTS AND PRESCRIBE THE POWERS OF THE GOVERNOR UPON RECEIPT OF REPORT; TO AMEND SECTION 47-5-731, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO EXTEND THE REPEAL DATE FROM JULY 1, 2001, TO JULY 1, 2002; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (March 13, 2001; 5:45 AM)

H.B. NO. 522: AN ACT TO REENACT SECTIONS 73-6-1 THROUGH 73-6-31, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH ESTABLISH REGULATIONS REGARDING THE PRACTICE OF CHIROPRACTIC AND CREATE THE STATE BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS; TO AMEND SECTION 73-6-33, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO EXTEND THE REPEAL DATE ON THE REENACTED CODE SECTIONS FROM JULY 1, 2001, TO JULY 1, 2006; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (March 13, 2001; 5:45 AM)

H.B. NO. 644: AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 83-5-55, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO DELETE THE PROVISION REQUIRING LIFE INSURANCE COMPANIES TO FILE WITH THE COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE A REPORT SHOWING THE AMOUNT OF MISSISSIPPI RESERVES; TO AMEND SECTION 83-15-5, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REQUIRE TITLE INSURANCE COMPANIES TO DEPOSIT WITH THE STATE TREASURER A CERTAIN PERCENTAGE OF THEIR CAPITAL STOCK; TO AMEND SECTION 83-17-7, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO

EXTEND THE DATE OF THE REPEALER ON THE PROVISION OF LAW WHICH PROHIBITS COMMISSIONS TO UNAUTHORIZED AGENTS AND AUTHORIZES REFERRAL FEES TO CERTAIN UNLICENSED EMPLOYEES OF THE AGENT, AGENCY OR AFFILIATE; TO AMEND SECTION 83-29-31, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT LEGAL PROCESSES SERVED UPON THE COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE AS ATTORNEY FOR FRATERNAL SOCIETIES SHALL BE FORWARDED TO FRATERNAL SOCIETIES BY CERTIFIED MAIL INSTEAD OF REGISTERED MAIL; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (March 13, 2001; 6:55 PM)

H.B. NO. 652: AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE USE OF CLEARING CORPORATIONS AND THE FEDERAL RESERVE BOOK-ENTRY SYSTEM BY INSURANCE COMPANIES FOR THE DEPOSIT OF SECURITIES; TO DEFINE CERTAIN TERMS; TO AUTHORIZE THE COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE TO PROMULGATE RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING SUCH DEPOSITS; TO AMEND SECTIONS 83-7-21, 83-19-31 AND 83-21-3, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, IN CONFORMITY THERETO; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (March 13, 2001; 5:46 AM)

H.B. NO. 685: AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 23-15-153, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO CHANGE THE BASIS UPON WHICH COMMISSIONERS OF ELECTION ARE COMPENSATED FROM THE NUMBER OF REGISTERED VOTERS IN A COUNTY TO THE NUMBER OF RESIDENTS IN A COUNTY; TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF HOURS REQUIRED TO BE WORKED BY COMMISSIONERS OF ELECTION IN ORDER TO BE ENTITLED TO PER DIEM COMPENSATION; TO REVISE THE NUMBER OF DAYS THAT COMMISSIONERS OF ELECTION ARE COMPENSATED AND AUTHORIZE THE TOTAL NUMBER OF DAYS FOR WHICH THEY ARE COMPENSATED TO BE UTILIZED FOR REVISION OF THE REGISTRATION BOOKS AND POLLBOOKS AND FOR CONDUCTING ELECTIONS; TO REQUIRE COMMISSIONERS OF ELECTION TO CERTIFY UNDER OATH THE NUMBER OF HOURS ACTUALLY WORKED, AS VERIFIED BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ELECTION COMMISSION, WHEN REQUESTING COMPENSATION; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (March 13, 2001; 5:47 AM)

H.B. NO. 699: AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 71-5-351, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT EMPLOYERS SHALL PAY CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE EMPLOYMENT SECURITY COMMISSION FOR THE UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION FUND EACH CALENDAR QUARTER RATHER THAN MONTHLY; TO ALLOW THE COMMISSION TO EXTEND THE DUE DATE FOR SUCH CONTRIBUTIONS IF THE DUE DATE FALLS ON A WEEKEND OR A HOLIDAY; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (March 13, 2001; 4:55 PM)

H.B. NO. 700: AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 71-5-503, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO INCREASE THE WEEKLY BENEFIT AMOUNT PAID TO CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS UNDER THE UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION LAWS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (March 13, 2001; 5:47 AM)

H.B. NO. 727: AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 49-27-31, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO DELETE AN INCORRECT REFERENCE IN LAW AUTHORIZING A PERFORMANCE BOND FOR CONDUCTING ACTIVITIES

ON COASTAL WETLANDS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (March 13, 2001; 5:48 AM)

H.B. NO. 803: AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 31-5-51, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE AN EXEMPTION FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF REHABILITATION SERVICES AND COUNTIES AND CITIES FROM CERTAIN LIABILITY INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS REGARDING CERTAIN PUBLIC CONTRACTS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (March 13, 2001; 5:49 AM)

H.B. NO. 820: AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 99-19-73, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO INCREASE FROM FIFTY CENTS TO ONE DOLLAR THE ASSESSMENT ON THOSE FIVE TYPES CRIMINAL VIOLATIONS WHICH FUND THE STATE PROSECUTOR EDUCATION FUND; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (March 13, 2001; 5:50 AM)

H.B. NO. 882: AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 41-57-47, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO DELETE THE SPECIFIC FEE THAT THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH COLLECTS TO CERTIFY ANY COPY OF A MARRIAGE RECORD WHEN USED AS PRIMA FACIE EVIDENCE IN ANY COURT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (March 13, 2001; 6:18 AM)

H.B. NO. 1018: AN ACT TO REENACT SECTIONS 41-3-1 THROUGH 41-3-19, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH CREATE THE STATE BOARD OF HEALTH AND THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND PRESCRIBE THEIR POWERS AND DUTIES; TO AMEND SECTION 41-3-20, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO EXTEND THE AUTOMATIC REPEALER ON THE STATUTES WHICH CREATE THE STATE BOARD OF HEALTH AND THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND PRESCRIBE THEIR POWERS AND DUTIES; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (March 13, 2001; 6:19 AM)

H.B. NO. 1022: AN ACT TO AMEND SECTIONS 41-90-1 THROUGH 41-90-9, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO CLARIFY DEFINITIONS AND MAKE CERTAIN TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS TO THE EARLY HEARING DETECTION AND INTERVENTION PROGRAM FOR NEWBORNS, INFANTS AND TODDLERS ADMINISTERED BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (March 13, 2001; 6:19 AM)

H.B. NO. 1025: AN ACT TO REENACT SECTIONS 73-53-3, 73-53-8, 73-53-10, 73-53-11 AND 73-53-13, AND SECTIONS 73-54-1 THROUGH 73-54-39, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH PROVIDE FOR THE LICENSING AND REGULATION OF SOCIAL WORKERS AND MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS; TO AMEND SECTION 73-53-7, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE A CRIMINAL PENALTY FOR PRACTICING SOCIAL WORK WITHOUT A LICENSE; TO AMEND REENACTED SECTION 73-53-8, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR SOCIAL WORKERS AND MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS TO SET THE SALARY FOR THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE STATE PERSONNEL BOARD; TO AMEND SECTION 73-53-15, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE FOR BIENNIAL LICENSE FEES FOR SOCIAL WORKERS; TO AMEND SECTION 73-53-27, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE FOR

RECORDING OF TESTIMONY IN DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS AGAINST SOCIAL WORKERS AND REQUIRE THE PUBLICATION OF SUSPENDED LICENSES; TO AMEND REENACTED SECTION 73-54-5, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO CLARIFY CERTAIN DEFINITIONS; TO AMEND REENACTED SECTION 73-54-9, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO AUTHORIZE MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS TO PROVIDE TESTING; TO AMEND REENACTED SECTION 73-54-17, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO CLARIFY CERTAIN EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS AND SUPERVISORY EXPERIENCE FOR MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS; TO AMEND REENACTED SECTION 73-54-27, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE FOR INACTIVE STATUS FOR MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPIST LICENSEES; TO AMEND REENACTED SECTION 73-54-33, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO AUTHORIZE THE USE OF EXPERT WITNESSES IN MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPIST DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS BEFORE THE BOARD; TO AMEND REENACTED SECTION 73-54-37, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO EXPAND AND CLARIFY PRIVILEGED COMMUNICATIONS BY MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPIST LICENSEES; TO AMEND SECTION 73-54-41, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO EXTEND THE AUTOMATIC REPEALER ON THE STATUTES PROVIDING FOR THE LICENSING AND REGULATION OF SOCIAL WORKERS AND MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS; TO REPEAL SECTION 73-54-21, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH PROVIDES FOR WAITING PERIODS BEFORE REEXAMINATIONS BY MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPIST APPLICANTS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (March 13, 2001; 6:20 AM)

H.B. NO. 1053: AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE MISSISSIPPI COUNCIL ON OBESITY PREVENTION AND MANAGEMENT, PROVIDE FOR ITS MEMBERSHIP AND PROVIDE FOR ITS POWERS, FUNCTIONS AND DUTIES; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (March 13, 2001; 4:56 PM)

H.B. NO. 1141: AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 75-24-5, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROHIBIT ADVERTISING BY HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS WHICH DOES NOT SPECIFICALLY DESCRIBE THE LICENSE OR QUALIFICATIONS OF THE HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (March 13, 2001; 5:40 AM)

H.B. NO. 1169: AN ACT TO AMEND SECTIONS 91-7-41, 91-7-55, 91-7-67, 91-7-75 AND 93-13-17, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REVISE THE EXECUTION OR TAKING OF REQUIRED OATHS SO THAT THE EXECUTION OR TAKING THEREOF MAY PRECEDE IN TIME THE SIGNING OF THE ORDER BY THE JUDGE; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (March 13, 2001; 6:21 AM)

H.B. NO. 1181: AN ACT TO DESIGNATE A CERTAIN PORTION OF MISSISSIPPI HIGHWAY 35 IN PANOLA COUNTY AS THE "WAVERLY WRAY MEMORIAL HIGHWAY"; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (March 13, 2001; 4:50 PM)

H.B. NO. 1207: AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 11-51-79, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO CONFORM THE TIME FOR APPEAL FROM COUNTY COURT TO CIRCUIT COURT TO THE UNIFORM RULES OF CIRCUIT AND

COUNTY COURT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (March 13, 2001; 6:22 AM)

H.B. NO. 1224: AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 73-24-3, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REVISE CERTAIN DEFINITIONS IN THE MISSISSIPPI OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY PRACTICE ACT; TO AMEND SECTION 73-24-7, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO CLARIFY PROFESSIONAL DESIGNATIONS OR TITLES PROTECTED BY THE LICENSURE ACT, TO CLARIFY THAT SERVICES REPRESENTED AS OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY SHALL BE PROVIDED BY A LICENSED PERSON, TO PRESCRIBE THE CRIMINAL PENALTY FOR EACH VIOLATION OF THE LICENSURE ACT AND TO PRESCRIBE A PENALTY FOR MAKING A MATERIAL FALSE STATEMENT UNDER THE ACT; TO AMEND SECTION 73-24-9, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PRESCRIBE THE PERIOD OF TIME INDIVIDUALS NOT LICENSED IN MISSISSIPPI MAY PRACTICE UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF A LICENSEE; TO AMEND SECTION 73-24-11, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO CLARIFY APPOINTMENTS TO THE ADVISORY COUNCIL IN OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY AND PROVIDE FOR EXECUTIVE SESSIONS OF THE COUNCIL; TO AMEND SECTION 73-24-13, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THE STATE BOARD OF HEALTH WITH CERTAIN AUTHORITY IN THE INVESTIGATION OF COMPLAINTS UNDER THE PRACTICE ACT; TO AMEND SECTION 73-24-17, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO AUTHORIZE THE STATE BOARD OF HEALTH TO PUBLISH NAMES OF PERSONS WHOSE LICENSES HAVE BEEN DISCIPLINED UNDER THE ACT; TO AMEND SECTION 73-24-19, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO CLARIFY EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS FOR LICENSURE UNDER THE ACT; TO AMEND SECTION 73-24-21, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO DELETE CERTAIN AUTHORITY OF THE STATE BOARD OF HEALTH TO WAIVE LICENSING REQUIREMENTS; TO AMEND SECTION 73-24-23, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, IN CONFORMITY THERETO; TO AMEND SECTION 73-24-25, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REVISE PROCEDURES FOR DISCIPLINARY HEARINGS OF LICENSEES BY THE STATE BOARD OF HEALTH, COMPLAINTS FOR VIOLATIONS, STIPULATIONS OF ORDERS, APPEALS AND JUDICIAL REVIEW OF ORDERS, AND TO AUTHORIZE THE BOARD TO IMPOSE DISCIPLINARY SANCTIONS INCLUDING FINES; TO CODIFY SECTION 73-24-24, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE GROUNDS FOR DISCIPLINARY ACTION AGAINST LICENSEES AND TO REQUIRE LICENSEES TO SUBMIT TO PHYSICAL OR MENTAL EXAMINATIONS UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (March 13, 2001; 6:23 AM)

H.B. NO. 1227: AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 91-9-7, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REVISE THE FILING OF A CERTIFICATE OF TRUST AGREEMENT IN LIEU OF THE ENTIRE TRUST AGREEMENT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (March 13, 2001; 6:25 AM)

H.B. NO. 1427: AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 53-9-3, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO INCLUDE A STATE PROGRAM FOR ABANDONED MINE RECLAMATION IN THE LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS; TO AMEND SECTION 53-9-7, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO ADD DEFINITIONS FOR THE TERMS ABANDONED MINE LANDS, SECRETARY AND STATE RECLAMATION PROGRAM; TO AMEND SECTION 53-9-89, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO INCLUDE THE ABANDONED MINE LANDS

RECLAMATION ACCOUNT AS PART OF THE SURFACE COAL MINING AND RECLAMATION FUND THAT IS IN THE STATE TREASURY; TO CREATE NEW CODE SECTIONS THAT WOULD ALLOW THE STATE TO OPERATE A FEDERALLY APPROVED ABANDONED MINE LANDS RECLAMATION PROGRAM AND TO ALLOW THE RECEIPT OF FEDERAL ABANDONED MINE LANDS FUNDS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (March 13, 2001; 6:26 AM)

H.B. NO. 1474: AN ACT TO REENACT SECTIONS 9-21-21, 9-21-23, 9-21-25, 9-21-27, 9-21-29, 9-21-31, 9-21-33, 9-21-35, 9-21-37, 9-21-39 AND 9-21-41, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH CREATE THE MISSISSIPPI JUDICIAL ADVISORY STUDY COMMITTEE AND PRESCRIBE ITS DUTIES AND POWERS; TO AMEND SECTION 22 OF CHAPTER 610, LAWS OF 1993, AS AMENDED BY SECTION 12 OF CHAPTER 315, LAWS OF 1996, AS AMENDED BY SECTION 12 OF CHAPTER 503, LAWS OF 1998, TO DELETE THE REPEALER ON THE MISSISSIPPI JUDICIAL ADVISORY STUDY COMMITTEE; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (March 13, 2001; 6:27 AM)

H.B. NO. 1482: AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 57-10-511, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT IF THE MISSISSIPPI DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY FINDS THAT A PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT OR A QUALIFIED ENTITY ADMINISTERING A REVOLVING LOAN PROGRAM UNDER THE MISSISSIPPI SMALL BUSINESS ASSISTANCE ACT IS NOT ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN LENDING, SUCH DISTRICT OR ENTITY MAY BE FOUND TO BE IN DEFAULT AND BE REQUIRED TO CEASE PROVIDING ASSISTANCE, REFUND ALL FUNDS HELD IN ITS REVOLVING ASSISTANCE FUND AND, IF REQUIRED BY THE MISSISSIPPI DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, CONVEY TO THE MISSISSIPPI DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY ALL ADMINISTRATIVE AND MANAGEMENT CONTROL OF ASSISTANCE UNDER THE PROGRAM; TO AMEND SECTION 57-10-505, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REFLECT THE CHANGE OF THE NAME OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TO THE MISSISSIPPI DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (March 13, 2001; 6:27 AM)

H.B. NO. 1502: AN ACT TO AMEND SECTIONS 27-7-79 AND 27-13-53, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REMOVE THE PROVISIONS THAT REQUIRE THE SECRETARY OF STATE TO WITHHOLD THE ISSUANCE OF ANY CERTIFICATE OF DISSOLUTION OR WITHDRAWAL FOR A CORPORATION UNTIL THE RECEIPT OF A NOTICE FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE STATE TAX COMMISSION TO THE EFFECT THAT INCOME TAXES AND FRANCHISE TAXES LEVIED AGAINST THE CORPORATION HAVE BEEN PAID; TO REPEAL SECTION 27-65-83, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH REQUIRES THE SECRETARY OF STATE TO WITHHOLD THE ISSUANCE OF ANY CERTIFICATE OF DISSOLUTION OR WITHDRAWAL FOR A CORPORATION UNTIL THE RECEIPT OF A NOTICE FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE STATE TAX COMMISSION TO THE EFFECT THAT SALES TAXES LEVIED AGAINST THE CORPORATION HAS BEEN PAID; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (March 13, 2001; 6:28 AM)

H.B. NO. 1554: AN ACT TO AMEND CHAPTER 435, LOCAL AND PRIVATE LAWS OF 1944, AS LAST AMENDED BY CHAPTER 1019, LOCAL

AND PRIVATE LAWS OF 1999, TO AUTHORIZE THE GOVERNING AUTHORITIES OF THE CITY OF BILOXI TO PROVIDE FOR ANNUAL COST-OF-LIVING INCREASES FOR CURRENT AND FUTURE RETIRED MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF THE CITY OF BILOXI, AND BENEFICIARIES THEREOF, IN AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO THREE PERCENT OF THE ANNUAL RETIREMENT ALLOWANCE; TO PROVIDE THAT MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM WHO RETIRED BEFORE JULY 1, 2000, WILL ALSO RECEIVE A THREE PERCENT COST-OF-LIVING INCREASE FOR THE 2000-2001 FISCAL YEAR; TO PROVIDE THAT THE COST-OF-LIVING INCREASES SHALL BE PAID IN ONE ADDITIONAL ANNUAL PAYMENT OR IN TWELVE EQUAL MONTHLY INSTALLMENTS, AS ELECTED BY THE RETIREE; TO PROVIDE THAT THE MAXIMUM CUMULATIVE PERCENTAGE OF ALL ANNUAL COST-OF-LIVING INCREASES RECEIVED UNDER THIS ACT SHALL NOT EXCEED THIRTY PERCENT OF THE ANNUAL RETIREMENT ALLOWANCE, UNLESS THE GOVERNING AUTHORITIES AUTHORIZE THE PAYMENT OF ADDITIONAL ANNUAL COST-OF-LIVING INCREASES ABOVE THIRTY PERCENT AND CERTAIN CONDITIONS ARE MET; TO PROVIDE THAT THE COST-OF-LIVING INCREASES AUTHORIZED UNDER THIS ACT SHALL BE SUSPENDED IF THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM AT ANY TIME DETERMINES THAT CONTINUING THE PAYMENT OF THE COST-OF-LIVING INCREASES WOULD MAKE THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM ACTUARIALLY UNSOUND; TO PROVIDE THAT THE COST-OF-LIVING INCREASES AUTHORIZED UNDER THIS ACT SHALL NOT BE IMPLEMENTED UNLESS THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM CURRENTLY IS ACTUARIALLY SOUND AND WILL REMAIN ACTUARIALLY SOUND IF THE COST-OF-LIVING INCREASES ARE MADE; TO PROVIDE THAT IF THE COST-OF-LIVING INCREASES AUTHORIZED UNDER THIS ACT WOULD MAKE THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM ACTUARIALLY UNSOUND, THE GOVERNING AUTHORITIES ARE AUTHORIZED TO PROVIDE FOR A REDUCED VERSION OF THE COST-OF-LIVING INCREASES THAT WOULD LEAVE THE RETIREMENT SYSTEM ACTUARIALLY SOUND; TO AUTHORIZE THE GOVERNING AUTHORITIES TO USE ANY AVAILABLE FUNDS TO SUPPLEMENT THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM TO MAKE IT ACTUARIALLY SOUND; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (March 13, 2001; 6:29 AM)

H.B. NO. 1555: AN ACT TO AMEND SECTIONS 2, 3 AND 4 OF CHAPTER 931, LOCAL AND PRIVATE LAWS OF 1993, AS LAST AMENDED BY CHAPTER 988, LOCAL AND PRIVATE LAWS OF 1996, TO AUTHORIZE THE GOVERNING AUTHORITIES OF THE CITY OF BILOXI TO PROVIDE FOR ANNUAL COST-OF-LIVING INCREASES FOR CURRENT AND FUTURE RETIRED MEMBERS OF THE BILOXI DISABILITY AND RELIEF FUND FOR FIREMEN AND POLICEMEN, AND BENEFICIARIES THEREOF, IN AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO THREE PERCENT OF THE ANNUAL RETIREMENT ALLOWANCE; TO PROVIDE THAT MEMBERS OF THE DISABILITY AND RELIEF FUND WHO RETIRED BEFORE JULY 1, 2000, WILL ALSO RECEIVE A THREE PERCENT COST-OF-LIVING INCREASE FOR THE 2000-2001 FISCAL YEAR; TO PROVIDE

THAT THE COST-OF-LIVING INCREASES SHALL BE PAID IN ONE ADDITIONAL ANNUAL PAYMENT OR IN 12 EQUAL MONTHLY INSTALLMENTS, AS ELECTED BY THE RETIREE; TO PROVIDE THAT THE MAXIMUM CUMULATIVE PERCENTAGE OF ALL ANNUAL COST-OF-LIVING INCREASES RECEIVED UNDER THIS ACT SHALL NOT EXCEED 30% OF THE ANNUAL RETIREMENT ALLOWANCE, UNLESS THE GOVERNING AUTHORITIES AUTHORIZE THE PAYMENT OF ADDITIONAL ANNUAL COST-OF-LIVING INCREASES ABOVE 30% AND CERTAIN CONDITIONS ARE MET; TO PROVIDE THAT THE COST-OF-LIVING INCREASES AUTHORIZED UNDER THIS ACT SHALL BE SUSPENDED IF THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM AT ANY TIME DETERMINES THAT CONTINUING THE PAYMENT OF THE COST-OF-LIVING INCREASES WOULD MAKE THE DISABILITY AND RELIEF FUND ACTUARIALLY UNSOUND; TO PROVIDE THAT THE COST-OF-LIVING INCREASES AUTHORIZED UNDER THIS ACT SHALL NOT BE IMPLEMENTED UNLESS THE DISABILITY AND RELIEF FUND CURRENTLY IS ACTUARIALLY SOUND AND WILL REMAIN ACTUARIALLY SOUND IF THE COST-OF-LIVING INCREASES ARE MADE; TO PROVIDE THAT IF THE COST-OF-LIVING INCREASES AUTHORIZED UNDER THIS ACT WOULD MAKE THE DISABILITY AND RELIEF FUND ACTUARIALLY UNSOUND, THE GOVERNING AUTHORITIES ARE AUTHORIZED TO PROVIDE FOR A REDUCED VERSION OF THE COST-OF-LIVING INCREASES THAT WOULD LEAVE THE FUND ACTUARIALLY SOUND; TO AUTHORIZE THE GOVERNING AUTHORITIES TO USE ANY AVAILABLE FUNDS TO SUPPLEMENT THE DISABILITY AND RELIEF FUND TO MAKE IT ACTUARIALLY SOUND; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (March 13, 2001; 6:30 AM)

Respectfully submitted,

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